

# Research Engagement Newsletter

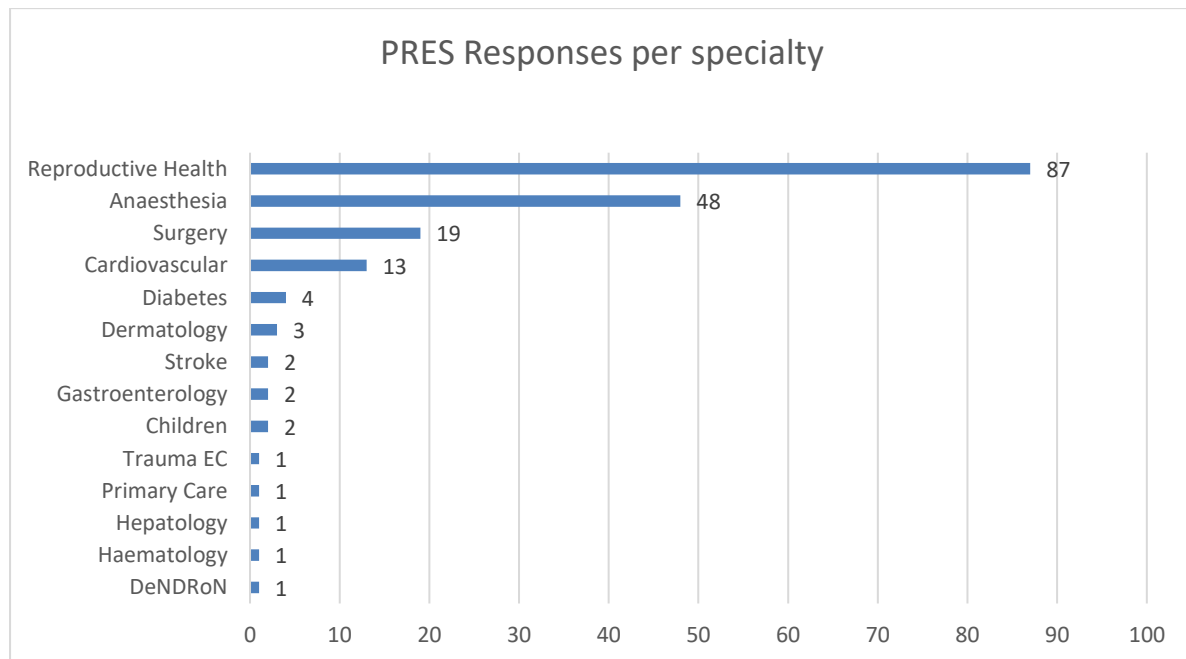
## October 2024

### Local News

#### Patient Research Experience Survey (PRES)

*“All through my time on this trial, I have been kept informed and treated with utmost respect. No questions go unanswered, and I genuinely believe they have my best interests at heart and not treat me as a statistic”* Cardiovascular study patient.

We are on course to reach our target for 23/24 of 335. Currently, we have recorded 185 responses, with 6 months left to go. However, we would really like to exceed our target and we require the support of our research delivery teams to achieve this. As illustrated in the chart below, you can see that our uptake from teams across the Trust is low. We therefore urge our colleagues who are a part of NIHR portfolio studies to administer the survey where possible. If you would like to deliver PRES but require some assistance, please contact the team at [patientsinresarch.bartshealth@nhs.net](mailto:patientsinresarch.bartshealth@nhs.net).



Additionally, please see some updates from North London RDN regarding PRES below:

The new Google PRES survey for the North London RDN. The survey questions remain the same, but this updated link will streamline the process across our region. A drop-down menu is now available for selecting the appropriate survey.

**Please note that the previous NWL and NT CRN PRES surveys are now inactive. However, if accessed, they will redirect participants to the new survey link. Kindly ensure this new link is distributed to all research teams delivering PRES: [Here is the online PRES survey](#).**



The PRES prefilled links and QR code generator document have been updated. If you had access to the previous prefilled link tool, please stop using it. The revised tool was sent to current users by Friday, 11th October 2024, but this can also be requested by emailing the team directly at [nl.rrdn@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:nl.rrdn@nihr.ac.uk).

Attached to this newsletter, you will also find the document 'Welcome to North London PRES', summarising all key aspects and available PRES resources.

### North East London Research Engagement Network (REN) training workshops

As part of the North East London Integrated Care System **Research Engagement Network (REN)**, the Research Engagement team are co-delivering two half day training workshops for aspiring Research Champions, taking place on **Friday 8 November** and **Saturday 7 December**. The training aims to embed knowledge and awareness about 'public involvement' and the many different ways members of the public and people with lived experience of illness and disease are able to contribute to the design, development, delivery and dissemination of research, and provide clear pathways for future involvement opportunities.

Attendees will primarily be people who registered their interest in becoming a research champion at Research Engagement Network (REN) events earlier this year. As such, these sessions are designed for those who may be new to research and/or public involvement. There may be capacity for existing or aspiring public contributors who might benefit from facilitated training, whether this be to further their knowledge or brush up on key skills. We will be monitoring registration levels to both sessions and offering spaces on a waiting list basis. Therefore, if there is a public contributor(s) that you would like to complete the training, please contact Neeta or James with their names and email address. If there is space at either event, we will contact the individual directly and provide them with details to register.

Each session will also comprise of a **PPIE Marketplace** during the allocated networking time. This is designed to allow our research champions to meet researchers who are looking for public contributors to join current or future involvement opportunities. It also offers an opportunity for our research workforce to meet and network with members of their local community who are beginning their research journey. If you have an involvement opportunity to offer, you would like to join our PPIE marketplace to promote your research, or volunteer and help on the day, please get in touch.

### International Clinical Trials Day 2025

The Research Engagement team are forming a working group in the run up to International Clinical Trials Day (ICTD) in May 2025. Looking to widen our ICTD offer and deliver more activities than in recent years, we hope that this year will be bigger and better than ever. To achieve this, we want our research workforce to come forward **as early as possible** with any ideas on how you might mark ICTD25. These might include a case study on your team or a trial, a blog post on WeShare, a short video on why research is so important to you. There is a wide variety of ways you can promote your research, and we welcome your thoughts!

To support our efforts, we are bringing together a working group. The group will enable us to support our teams running ICTD activities around the Trust and deliver our flagship event on **Tuesday 20 May**. If you are interested in joining the working group, please contact the Research engagement team directly.



## Wider news

### Feedback on the HRA Inclusion and Diversity Guidance

As part of their wider work with the MHRA to update the UK's clinical trials regulations, the HRA have launched an informal consultation on [draft inclusion and diversity guidance](#). This lays out a [set of questions and supporting guidance](#) for researchers to consider when they design clinical trials and clinical investigations, with the aim to increase the diversity of people taking part in them.

The HRA are now looking for feedback on their draft inclusion and diversity guidance, which can be submitted via an [online survey](#). The survey should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete and all feedback is completely anonymous. The deadline to complete the survey is **9 December 2024**.

### Help improve awareness of and access to clinical trials for ethnic communities with blood cancer

Blood Cancer UK are delivering a project to better understand awareness, attitudes towards, and barriers to, accessing clinical trials, where based on learnings, counter measures will be developed and tested to reduce inequalities in access, specifically amongst diverse community groups. The team are looking for people that work in blood cancer in and around London (nurse, clinician or academic/clinical researcher) to participate in our upcoming workshops. Interest can be registered via the [Blood Cancer UK website](#).

